Reservation on religious basis

1474. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued order for reservations of seats on the basis of religion in the matter of admission in Aligarh Muslim University (AMU);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the proportion of students belonging to the religion for whom reservation is now provided traditionally getting admission in AMU prior to introduction of reservation;

(d) whether reservation of quota on religion basis is also in vogue/ contemplated in the matter of selection of faculty members and non-faculty staff in AMU; and

(e) the details of the Governing Body (GB) of AMU constituted from time to time since Independence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) While the Government does not make any reservation referred to in the question, each Minority Institution may adopt a policy of reservation for the minorities establishing the institution of their choice, provided the relevant Act/Statutes/MoA establishing the institution empower so. The Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) has exercised its powers in respect of reservation under the relevant provisions of the AMU (Amendment) Act, 1981. The Government has conveyed its no-objection to the decision taken by the appropriate authorities of the AMU.

(c) According to the information furnished by AMU, rougly 70% Muslim students, for whom 50% reservation is now provided, were traditionally getting admission in the University prior to introduction of reservation.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.